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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 435.

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	Sir:				·				
	In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 C.F.R.								
	§ 1.53(b) dat	§ 1.53(b) dated October 24, 2001, enclosed please find:							
	[] a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) and the								
•	surcharge of [] \$65.00 (205) [] \$130.00 (105) as set forth in 37 C.F.R.								
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-	[] Note that the inventor(s) identified on the currently filed Combined								
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[] a Request for Refund;

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- a verified English translation of the Application, and the \$130.00 (139) fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k);
- [] an Assignment document and a separate check for the Assignment recordation fee;
- [X] A Response to Missing Parts on Nonprovisional Application with Exhibits 1 and 2.

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[X] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing of Nonprovisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) dated October 24, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following:

The instant application is a divisional patent application from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/574,379, (the "'379 Application"), filed May 19, 2000. The inventors remain unchanged. Pursuant to a notice to file missing parts dated July 27, 2000 for the '379 Application, applicants filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) when inventors refuse to sign or cannot be located on February 27, 2001 (with a 5 month extension of time). (Exhibit "1" attached.) This action was a result of inventor Chinh N. Tran's refusal to sign the declaration. Notwithstanding his refusal, on March 28, 2001, the Office of Petitions granted applicant's petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a). (Exhibit "2" attached.)

As noted above, this application is a divisional of its parent application wherein relief has already been granted with regards to the absence of the executed Declaration of Inventor Tran. Applicants respectfully request that this application be accepted under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) without the executed Declaration of Inventor Tran.

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